

REMARKS

Applicants filed a response to the Office Action of January 30, 2009 on April 30, 2009. A paper supplemental to the April 30, 2009 Amendment was filed on July 10, 2009 to add new claim 55.

On September 29, 2009, Applicants received a Notice of Non-compliant Amendment indicating that the status of claims 1-55 was not shown in the supplemental paper. On October 19, 2009, Applicants filed a response that included claim 32, which had been previously canceled, as "previously presented", resulting in mailing of yet another Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Accordingly, Applicants provide here a revised supplemental paper adding new claim 55 to the prior pending claims 10, 14, 15 and 36-38, and showing the appropriate status of those prior pending claims as "original" or "previously presented".


Applicants submit that the present application claims subject matter patentable over the prior art of record. The favorable actions of withdrawal of the standing rejections and allowance of the claims are requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell, Ph.D., Reg. No. 36,623, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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